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(b) how many and which of the present taluk boards are working at a deficit; and

(c) what action the Government propose to take to remedy these defects?

A.—(a) Particulars are furnished in the annexure.[a]

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (b) of question No. 611.

(c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Press Communiqué, dated 6th January 1934, regarding the abolition of taluk boards. The Government's proposals are contained in Bill No. 2 of 1934.

*Taluk boards and their finances prior to bifurcation.*

* 614 Q.—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of taluk boards in this Presidency;

(b) how many of them are self-supporting; and

(c) how many taluk boards were financially low prior to every taluk being bifurcated into a taluk board?

A.—(a) 208.

(b) 79.

(c) Out of 130 taluk boards in 1930–31 as many as 46 taluk boards were unable to make their receipts cover their expenditure. Since then, the finances of taluk boards have been adversely affected not only by the bifurcation but also by the fact that taluk boards which had been levying an optional land-cess of not more than 3 pies in addition to the 6 pies cess, lost the income from such optional land-cess in panchayat areas under the **Madras** Local Boards (Amendment) Act, 1930.

*Appointment and pay of district panchayat officers.*

* 615 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether district panchayat officers have been appointed in all districts; and

(b) whether their pay is met from the general funds of the board or from the Village Development Fund?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (a) of question No. 570.

(b) The Government have permitted district boards to debit the pay only of the district panchayat officer to the Village Development Fund with the concurrence of the Village Development Fund Committee, if it is not possible to meet the expenditure from the general funds of the district boards.

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Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—" With reference to the answer to clause (*b*), may I know why the travelling allowance of the panchayat officers should be debited to general account instead of the village development account? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Government considered it sufficient if the salary is debited to the Village Development Fund, and that the other expenses to the general resources of the district board."

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—" Is not the panchayat officer working in the rural areas and village panchayats, and does not sit in office at the headquarters? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" It is so, but the district boards also have certain duties to perform in rural areas."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" While the pay of these officers is being met out of the development fund, why not their travelling allowance also be debited to that fund? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I have just answered that question."

## Medical Administration

*Management of Taluk Headquarters Hospitals by Government.*

* 616 *Q.*—S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the proposal of the Government to take charge of taluk headquarters hospitals was given effect to; and

(*b*) if so, when will the Cumbum taluk headquarters hospital be taken up by the Government?

*A.*—(*a*) & (*b*).—The Government have had under consideration the question as to whether local bodies should continue to maintain the taluk headquarter medical institutions which are now under their control or whether the Government should provincialize them. In view of the existing financial stringency and the proposal to abolish taluk boards they have decided to drop the further consideration of the question.

*Lady doctor for the Kasaragod taluk.*

* 617 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been made to the Government that a very large section of the women of the Kasaragod taluk in South Kanara district who observe gosha system find it difficult to get medical aid as there is no woman doctor in the whole taluk, not even in the headquarters hospital at Kasaragod;